



Report of Accomplishments

Fiscal Year 2005

Lemhi Soil and Water Conservation District

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Counties Served Lemhi

Legislative District 35

Function or Conservation District Mission

- To coordinate technical, financial, and educational assistance for responsible natural resources management that conserves and improves air, soil and water quality and fish and wildlife habitat.

Natural Resource Improvements Summary

- A total of 11 cooperators installed 18 Best Management Practices on the Lemhi River, Salmon River, and tributaries of the Lemhi River.
- Assisted 6 landowners in NRCS EQIP projects.
- Assisted 13 landowners in NRCS CSP enrollment.
- Provided general technical assistance to 30 landowners in cooperation with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Soil Conservation Commission, and the Idaho Association of Conservation Districts.
- Cooperators on the Lemhi River, Salmon River, and tributaries of the Lemhi River installed 3 miles of fence, 230 feet of stockwater pipeline, 2 waste storage facilities, and 1 trough. 3 fish passage barriers were also modified and 2 cooperators installed streambank protection on their property.



Conservation District Priority # 1 – Fish and Wildlife

- Engaged 9 landowners in on the ground activities for the enhancement and restoration of anadromous fish habitat.
- 12,300 feet of riparian fence was installed on Kenney Creek and the Salmon River.
- 2 diversions on the Lemhi River were modified to improve fish passage.
- 1 fence crossing on Hayden Creek was modified for safer fish passage.
- 2 streambank protection projects completed.

Conservation District Priority #2 – District Operations

- Ensure continued technical and financial assistance to cooperators to develop and implement programs to conserve renewable natural resources.
- Provide landowners, operators, and constituents with natural resource technical, financial, and educational assistance.

Conservation District Priority # 3 – Water Quality

- Engaged 3 landowners in on the ground conservation planning and BMP implementation.
- 3 animal feeding operations brought into compliance.
- Tested multiple sites on the Lemhi River for bacteria and sent to the Bureau of Reclamation lab.

Information & Education/ Public Outreach

- Advertised upcoming events in the local Elks monthly newsletter.
- Honored Basin Creek Ranch as cooperator of the year.
- Provided scholarship to the Range School through the Extension office.
- Conducted a tour in June of the Withington Creek fire area, recently completed diversion projects, and toured the 2005 Grassman of the Year's operation.
- Held the annual fall range ride on the Badger Springs allotment with 30 riders participating.
- Provided youth scholarships for Teen Conference, 4-H camp, and Natural Resources Workshop.
- Supported an Eagle Scout project financially.
- Demonstrated the soils layer through hands on activities including an edible soils cup and soil texturing kits.

Community Collaboration & Coordination

- Organized 2 Conservation Security Program meetings for producers.
- Provided clerical assistance to NRCS for Farm Bill programs.

Synopsis of Assistance Coordinated for Constituents with Conservation Partners - to plan, design and implement best management practices to protect, enhance, and conserve Idaho's renewable natural resources.

Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
County	District Operations	\$ 2,500.00
State	District Operations	\$ 8,123.00
USDA Farm Programs	Conservation	\$ 1,034,166.00
EPA/DEQ 319	Non Point Source Pollution	\$ 28,818.00
Bonneville Power Administration	Salmon Habitat	\$ 206,428.00
US Fish and Wildlife Service	Fish and Wildlife	\$ 7,000.00
WQPA	Water Quality	\$ 12,130.00
IDWR	Irrigation Water Management	\$ 26,723.00
OSC	Salmon Recovery	\$ 6,559.00
Total		\$ 1,332,002.00

Idaho Conservation Districts assisting landowners & operators with their conservation choices



